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SUBJECT : BRITISH SHIP WITH BOAT CASE REFUGEES

REFUSED TO LAND IN KAOHSIUNG

REF: HONG KONG 11063, TAIPEI 2005, TAIPEI 5460

- 1. FRIDAY MORNING AUG. 18TH EMBASSY REP DELIVERED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LETTER CONTAINING POINTS COVERED IN HONG KONG 11063, INCLUDING HMG'S GUARANTEE.
- 2. PRIOR TO READING LETTER REFUGEE OFFICER TO WHOM LETTER PRESENTED POINTED OUT THAT GROC HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A POLICY WHICH PRECLUDES THE LANDING OF REFUGEES UNLESS THEY MEET THE CRITERIA REPORTED IN TAIPEI 2005.
- 3. THE ROC REFUGEE OFFICER STATED:
- (A) THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IMPLEMENTS THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN. ANY CHANGES IN THIS POLICY WOULD REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THAT LAW MAKING BODY.
- (B) THERE ARE AT PRESENT OVER 800 INDOCHINESE CONFIDENTIAL

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REFUGEES IN THE PENGHU FACILITIES.

- (C) IF THIS GROUP OF 40 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WERE ACCEPTED, THEN THE REFUGEES ON THE NEXT SHIP WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED AND THOSE ON THE NEXT AND SO ON.
- 4. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFUGEE OFFICER

THEN READ THE LETTER BUT DID NOT COMMENT.

5. APPEARS GROC INTENDS TO ADHERE TO THEIR PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED REFUGEE POLICY AND WILL NOT PERMIT THE REFUGEES TO LAND FROM THE "AVON FOREST" (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANY CHINESE ORIGIN). UNGER

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